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: DECISION GRANTING STATUS  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
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This is a decision on the petition filed September 27, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accord this reissue application status in the absence of the signature of joint inventor Johnson.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accord this reissue application status is **granted**.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status and the Office of Initial Patent Examination is authorized to

- (1) accept this application under 37 CFR 1.47(a);
- (2) process the application with the inventors being Thompson, Johnson, and Tischler, using the reissue oath/declaration filed September 27, 2004; and
- (3) mail a filing receipt with a filing date of March 26, 2004.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing date to non-signing inventor Johnson at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

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